

1 13. (Amended under Article 34) The pair of oligonucleotide primers according to
2 claim 12, comprising the oligonucleotide sequences identified by SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2 or similar
3 sequences.

1 14. (Amended) An assay kit which comprises the pair of oligonucleotide
2 primers according to [any one of] claim[s] 10 [to 13].

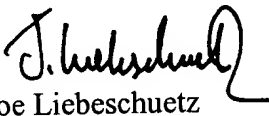
REMARKS

Amendments to claims 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 14 have been made to remove multiple claim dependency.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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